

## REMARKS

The Office Action of January 28, 2008 has been received and its contents carefully considered. An RCE is being filed concurrently to permit further prosecution.

The present Amendment revises independent claims 1, 2, and 37 to recite that first and second heat radiating films are independent of each other. This is supported (for example) by Figure 3 of the application's drawings.

The Office Action rejects independent claims 1, 2, and 37 (along with several dependent claims) for anticipation by US patent 6,114,763 to Smith. The Office Action draws attention to the arrangement shown in Smith's Figure 2A, and characterizes the portions of element 12 on the left and right sides as a first heat radiating film and the central portion of the element 12 as a second heat radiating film.

However, the passage at column 6 of the reference, lines 12-14 states:

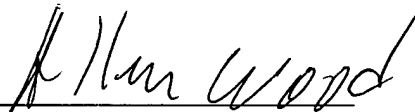
...electronic assembly 103 further comprises a heat spreader 12 which is adhered to stiffener 11 with an adhesive 13. Heat spreader has a plurality of ports 14. Such ports can be used to encapsulate the assembly.

It is respectfully submitted that an ordinarily skilled person would interpret this passage as meaning that Smith uses a single heat spreader 12 which has holes (ports 14) in it. As a result, the different portions of Smith's heat spreader 12 are not independent of each other, as is now recited in independent claims 1, 2, and 37. Accordingly, the rejection for anticipation should be withdrawn. Nor would the reference have provided an incentive for an ordinarily skilled person to modify Smith's heat spreader 12 so as to achieve the invention that is now recited in claims 1, 2, and 37.

The remaining claims depend from the independent claims discussed above and recite additional limitations to further define the invention. They are therefore automatically patentable along with their independent claims and need not be further discussed.

For the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the application is therefore respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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